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Amendments to the Claims

The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listing of claims in the application:

Listing of the Claims

1. (Currently Amended) A system for provisioning electronic field guides comprising:
 - a portable computing device having:
 - a visual display;
 - an end user input interface; and
 - a memory;
 - a stationary computer having:
 - a visual display;
 - an end user input interface; and
 - a memory;
 - means for interconnecting said stationary computer and said portable computing device; said stationary computer being operable to:
 - present a map with defined geographic regions;
 - associate multiple data items with said defined geographic regions, wherein said multiple data items are selected from the group consisting of plants, animals, insects, marine life, rocks, and minerals;
 - present multiple data items to an end user; and
 - respond to the selection of particular ones of said multiple data items one or more of said geographic regions by said end user,
 - by:
 - presenting said multiple data items available for said one or more geographic regions;
 - downloading multimedia data files corresponding to said particular ones of said multiple data items associated with said one or more geographic regions, to said portable computing device via said means for interconnecting; and
 - said portable computing device being operable to:
 - present a listing of said downloaded multiple data items; and

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respond to the selection of one of said downloaded multiple data items by displaying or
playing said corresponding multimedia data file on said portable computing
device.

2. (Currently Amended) A method for provisioning electronic field guides comprising the steps of:

presenting a map with defined geographic regions to an end user;
associating multiple data items with said defined geographic regions, wherein said
multiple data items are selected from the group consisting of plants, animals, insects, marine life,
rocks, and minerals; and
presenting multiple data items to an end user, via a display of a stationary computer; and
responding to the selection of particular ones of one or more of said multiple data items
associated with one of said defined geographic regions by said user, by:
downloading multimedia data files corresponding to said particular ones one or
more of said multiple data items, to a portable computing device;
whereby said portable computing device operable to play the multimedia content data
files on said portable computing device to the end user in the field.

3. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia content includes images and text, whereby images can be viewed on said portable computing device.

4. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia content includes audio files, whereby sounds may be reproduced on said portable computing device.

5. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said stationary computer is a personal computer.

6. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said stationary computer is an information kiosk providing said content in exchange for some form of payment.

7. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia data files are stored on a CD-rom.

8. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which updates to said multimedia data files are accessed over an Internet network.

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9. (Original) The method of claim 2 in which said multimedia data files are stored remotely from said stationary computer and are accessed over an Internet network.

Claims 10-13 (Canceled)